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Press Release

County Clerk to Take Exhibit on the Road

Saratoga County Clerk Kathy Marchione announced today that she will be taking a presentation on the Kayaderosseras Patent to interested civic and senior groups. An original 1812 Kayaderosseras Patent was recently restored and framed as part of a 2008 Archives Project in the County Clerk's Office. The Patent is the largest and most important land-grant made in colonial times for land which lay within the bounds of what is now Saratoga County.

In addition to a copy of the framed patent, the presentation also includes a Power Point presentation which documents the transferring of these lands from Queen Anne to prominent figures in New York State history. It also depicts interesting facts relating to the events of that time, including Queen Anne's appointment of Lord Cornbury as Governour of the Province of New York. Lord Cornbury developed a reputation as a scoundrel, and the worst governor Britain ever imposed on an American colony. By the end of 1708, he was recalled from New York and sent to debtor's prison.

Other Archives Weeks Projects are also available to community groups. These include "The Way We Were" a pictorial exhibit featuring pictures from 1900- 1950 depicting life in early 20th century Saratoga County. Also available is the "Treasures of the Past" exhibit, 19 framed documents from the archives of the County Clerk's Office.

Senior groups or civic groups interested in having the County Clerk give a presentation at a meeting should contact County Clerk Marchione at 885-2213, ext. 4420. Presentations can be scheduled for Monday through Friday, daytime or evenings.

Let us know if *your* community organization would like to hear more about one or more of our presentations.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

From
THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Archival Website

This three-year project to inventory all the archival records found in the municipalities, historian's offices and historical societies throughout Saratoga County. The information about these records was uploaded to a Web-site that can be accessed from the Saratoga County Website. A hard copy of the information was also developed and distributed to Town Clerks' offices and libraries throughout the county.

"The Way We Were"

This was a pictorial exhibit of life in Saratoga County from 1900 to 1950. All 19 towns, 7 villages and 2 cities in the county provided pictures from the first half of the century. Brookside Museum and the Saratoga County Historian's Office also participated. Several 2' X 3' boards featured a "photo of the month" for each municipality. Another set was created, each showing three pictures from each municipality. This set of 60 boards premiered at the "Capital District Archives Dinner" held at the Canfield Casino in October of 2002. After that, the display "went on tour" to area malls, the Saratoga County Fair and special events throughout the county. From these pictures, we later made small table top displays that were used at the NYS Conference of County Clerks and at other special events.

"The Wonderful World of Museums"

This project focused on all the museums and historic sites located throughout the county. For each place, a 2' X 3" board showed a picture of the site, a description and general info. These boards were on display at area malls, the Saratoga County Fair and at special events throughout the county. A table-top exhibit of the museums was taken to civic groups throughout the county.

"Treasures from the Archives"

This display was created from civil records found in the Saratoga County Clerk's Office dating from 1801 to 1917. The language used, the trade marks and the references to prominent people and places in the community provided an insight in to the history of our county in earlier years. One document involves an 1841 case of the kidnapping of Solomon Northup, a "free Negro and a citizen of the State of New York." There have been several books written about this case.

"Our Firefighters - the Early Years"

This exhibit consists of 13 framed certificates dating 1898 - 1950. One certificate was framed from each municipality having certificates dating prior to 1950 on file in the County Clerk's Office. Many of these certificates have ornate drawings of fire companies and also provide documentation of how many years the firemen had served in the capacity of fire fighter.

To find out how to arrange for someone from the County clerk's Office to come and speak to your organization about our exhibits, call 885-2213, ext. 4420.